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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES Regular Session

**Friday, February 13, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

1400 W. Washington, Ste. 235
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman Wiggins at 8:06 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Fred Wiggins, Ph.D. – Chairman
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Vice-Chairman
Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D. – Secretary
Megan Hunter-Williams
Miki Paul, Ph.D.
Frederick Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Meghan Hinckley, Acting/Deputy Director
Stuart Goodman, Lobbyist
Brandy Petrone Lobbyist

Board Members Absent

Gary D. Lovejoy, Ph.D.
Joseph C. Donaldson

Public Members Participating

Andy Hogg, Ph.D.

3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO HB 2206 AS SUBMITTED BY Dr. Andy Hogg – Ms. Petrone, Ms. Hinckley, Dr. Hogg

Ms. Petrone of Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs opened the discussion by stating that Representative Matt Heinz had contacted their office regarding an issue with HB 2206 discussed with him by Dr. Hogg. Representative Heinz was looking to amend the HB 2206, specifically, the issue of supervision in A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). Dr. Hogg and Representative Heinz wanted to strike the following from the bill: (HB 2006, page 7, beginning on line 36) “At least one hour per week of regularly scheduled contemporaneous face-to-face individual supervision per ten hours of supervised preinternship professional experience that addresses the direct psychological services provided by the student.”

Ms. Petrone noted that if the Board opposed striking the entire section, other options were available. The preferred amendment language would be to change the amount of “ten hours” of supervised preinternship professional experience SPPE stated in the bill to read “20 hours.” Dr. Hogg explained that changing this portion of the statute would be necessary to help newly graduating students from psychology doctoral

programs at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University meet the newly prescribed SPPE requirements for Arizona licensure. Currently, much of their supervision is group supervision—not individual—and there is concern that they cannot reach this standard. Dr. Hogg also noted that other states have the 1:20 ratio, not the 1:10 ratio, and suggested that Arizona be more consistent with other states. Dr. Hogg noted that Representative Heinz supports the amendment changes.

Dr. Hogg suggested a second option with the following language: “After September 1, 2015, at least one hour of regularly scheduled contemporaneous supervision per ten hours of supervised predoctoral professional experience that addresses the direct psychological services provided by the student. At least fifty percent of the supervision during the total supervised preinternship professional experience shall be provided through face-to-face individual supervision.”

Dr. Hogg noted that this draft language would establish a grandparenting period for students who recently completed practica or are currently in practica. Specifically, students who completed practica that did not meet the new standards proposed in HB 2206 (A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c)) would benefit from the new licensure legislation. The September 1, 2015 date was chosen because the new supervision requirements would begin to affect students entering their doctoral programs during the Fall semester of 2009. According to HB 2206, those students who are graduating from doctoral programs that are approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) will meet or exceed the standards anyway. Grandparenting will prevent imposing a retroactive standard on students who cannot go back and take practica again.

In addition, by increasing the 1:10 ratio of supervision to experience and allowing the individual supervision standard to be 50% of all supervision, the legislation becomes consistent with guidelines from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) and the National Council of Schools of Professional Psychology (NCSPP). Dr. Hogg noted that, as the current bill reads, students would not be able to apply practicum hours as part of their SPPE, which could create additional difficulties for new graduates applying for licensure in Arizona. Creating the grandparenting clause with a six year window would address this issue.

Dr. Mellott reported that currently two states, Washington and Utah, approve practicum in accordance with the ASPPB guidelines. The ASPPB model states that 50% of supervision experience is in direct service (e.g. treatment/intervention, assessment, interviews, report-writing, case presentations, and consultations), with 25% individual face-to-face patient/client contact. Moreover, 25% of supervision hours may be in a group setting.

Dr. Wechsler submitted the NCSPP guidelines regarding supervision to be distributed to Board members as reference materials. Dr. Wechsler noted that NCSPP states, “. . . of all accumulated practicum hours, at least 10% are supervision hours (e.g., 150 supervision hours is recommended for 1500 hours of accumulated practicum).”

Drs. Mellott and Paul were supportive of draft language that included 25% group supervision and 75% individual face-to-face supervision to better develop the student as a professional. Drs. Wiggins, Karp, and Wechsler were supportive of draft language that included 50% group supervision and 50% individual face-to-face supervision.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to take time to review the materials and information submitted. The Board agreed to schedule a telephonic Board meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss this item along with any changes or submissions made by other Board members.

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION/ POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING posting/hiring for Executive Director – Dr. Wiggins

Chairman Wiggins noted that several Board members had time commitments to attend to and agenda item number four would have to be postponed for discussion at a future Board meeting.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTRURE BOARD MEETINGS

Chairman Wiggins asked that discussion of the posting and hiring of the new Executive Director be placed on the next Board meeting agenda. Ms. Hinckley noted the item and stated she would place it on the next agenda for discussion.

In addition, the Board voted to meet on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss and finalize the amendment to HB 2206.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Mellott, seconded by Dr. Karp, and unanimously carried (7-0), to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

**Prepared by:
Meghan B. Hinckley
Deputy Director**

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D.
Secretary**